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Organization of the HVA

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1. Prior to 31 July 1951, the Hauptverwaltung fuer Ausbildung (Main Administration for Training) (HVA) was organized as follows:

DepartmentsKey Personalities

Hauptabteilung Polit-Kultur (PK)
(Polit-Culture Department)

Chief - VP Generalinspekteur
Doelling who simultaneously
is deputy to VP General-
inspekteur Hoffmann.

Hauptabteilung Stab
(Staff Department)

Chief - VP Inspekteur Bechler
Deputy - VP Inspekteur
Scheffler. (1)

Hauptabteilung Inspektion
(Inspection Department)

Chief - VP Chefinspekteur Wulz.

Hauptabteilung Versorgung
(Supply Department)

Chief - VP Chefinspekteur
von Weech
Deputy - VP Kommandeur Weigert.

Hauptabteilung Personal
(Personnel Department)

Chief - VP Chefinspekteur Koehn
Deputy - VP Kommandeur Kubick.

Hauptabteilung Nachrichtenwesen
(Signal-Communications
Department)

Chief - VP Inspekteur Moeller.

Hauptabteilung Abwehr
(Counterintelligence Department)

Chief - VP Inspekteur Markert.

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Landespolizeibehoerden.

2. The Landespolizeibehoerden (Land police headquarters) of the five Soviet Zone Laender are located in the following cities:

<u>Land</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brandenburg	11-13 Bauhofstrasse, Potsdam.
Mecklenburg	Karl Marxstrasse, Schwerin.
Saxony	6 Nordallee, Dresden.
Saxony-Anhalt	70 Dessauerstrasse, Halle.
Thuringia	Herrenroedchen, Weimar.

3. The SSD Landesleitstellen (SSD Land headquarters) are located in the following cities:

<u>Land</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brandenburg	11-13 Bauhofstrasse, Potsdam.
Mecklenburg	Mozartstrasse, Schwerin.
Saxony	125 Koenigsbrueckerstrasse, Dresden.
Saxony-Anhalt	Robert Franz Ring, Halle.
Thuringia	11 Kurthstrasse, Weimar

VP Schools and Units.

4. The following VP schools are in existence:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
3 infantry schools	Erfurt, Naumburg, and Doeblin.
1 artillery school	Gloewen.
1 armored school	Priemerwald.
1 signal-communications school	Pirna.
1 engineer school	Kletz.
1 political culture school	Treptow.
1 athletic school	Potsdam.
1 motor transport school	Apollensdorf

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Type	Location
1 ordnance school	Kirchhain-Dobrilugk.
1 interpreter school	Holzdorf.
2 sea police schools	Parow, Kuehlungsborn.
1 glider school	Damgarten.
1 tactical commanders' school	Kochstedt.

5. VP units are located at the following places:

Land	Location
Brandenburg	Hohenstuecken, Prenzlau; 2 engineer units in Kirchmoeser and near Kuechensee; 1 signal-communications unit in Niederlehma; and 1 guard unit for East Berlin government agencies near Pinnow.
Mecklenburg	Eggesin, Prora, Rostock, and Schwerin.
Saxony	Frankenberg, Leipzig (2 units), Grossenhain, Loebau, Zeithain and Zittau.
Saxony-Anhalt	Burg, Hochstedt, Halle, Quedlinburg, Torgau, and Weissenfels.
Thuringia	Erfurt, Gora, Gotha, Muehlhausen, and Suhl.

6. The total strength of all VP schools and units as of 31 July 1951 amounted to 56,000 police.

7. The VP units, officially designated VP Dienststellen, consist of 3 infantry Kommandos, 1 artillery Kommando and 7 Sonderabteilungen, the seven Sonderabteilungen consist of engineer, reconnaissance, armored, mortar, signal, AT artillery and AAA units.

8. An infantry Kommando consists of 34 officers, 38 NCOs and 360 to 400 EM. The Kommando is organized into 3 rifle Abteilungen and 2 mixed machine gun and mortar Abteilungen (4th and 5th Abteilung) (2).

9. The Sonderabteilungen are equipped as follows:

Type of Sonderabteilung	Equipment
Reconnaissance	3 light armored scout cars, almost exclusively of German type.
Signal-communications	2 German radio trucks.
AAA	4 improved German 38-mm guns and 4 Soviet 76.2-mm guns.
AT artillery	Guns of various types, mostly Soviet 37 and 76-mm guns.

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<u>Type of Sonderabteilung</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
Mortar	Eight 80-mm, 120-mm and 160-mm mortars.
Armored	12 T-34/85 tanks. Unit not yet fully equipped, also have German Tiger tanks of the latest series. (3)

Training.

10. Joint field exercises of Soviet Army and German VP units have not taken place to date. However, attendants of the tactical commanders' school in Kochstedt participated in Soviet summer maneuvers, and were assigned tactical problems in the framework of the maneuvers. All the other German police detached to Soviet field exercises were charged exclusively with guard duty and similar missions.

Alert Stages.

11. The following four alert stages are in force with VP schools and units.

Stage 1. Commitment in an area assigned to the VP school or unit in the event of internal disturbances; escorting of food shipments in case that adequate personnel of the Transportation Police is not available. Police on furlough are recalled and small arms ammunition is issued at that time.

Stage 2. Readiness for immediate employment for all VP schools and units. Heavy weapons, which otherwise are kept under lock, are issued.

Stage 3. Occupation of all points and installations of military importance in the area assigned to the individual VP schools and units.

Stage 4. Placement under the Soviet divisional commander in the area, and employment by the Soviet Army in the event of an emergency. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) VP Inspekteur Scheffler was repeatedly mentioned as being the chief of a special staff which was to prepare the organization of an air police. His deputy reportedly is VP Inspekteur Zorn.
- (2) Most of the reports on the organizational structure of the infantry Kommandos mentioned a 4th Hv MG Abteilung and a 5th Mortar Abteilung. The existence of mixed Abteilungen with heavy machine guns and mortars is doubted.
- (3) The armored scout car, AA gun and tank equipment specified approximately equals the assumed authorized basic allowance, but the actual equipment observed with the VPDs is still substantially below the authorized level. No Soviet 160-mm mortars and former German type VI (Tiger) tanks have so far been observed with VPDs. Their use with VP units is doubted.

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(4) No confirmatory information is available on these alert stages. The measures reportedly to be taken in the event of alert stage 4 appear incredible, because the number of VPDs located in the various Soviet Army areas varies greatly, particularly in Mecklenburg and Saxony.

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